

Appl. No. 10/786,861
Amdt. Dated August 23, 2004

Attorney Docket No. 89188.0058
Customer No.: 26021

REMARKS:

Entry of the Amendment made herein prior to examination is requested. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested. The Amendment is made to claim priority to an earlier filed provisional application, Application No. 60/498,790 filed August 28, 2003. The claim to priority is timely because it is filed within 16 months of the filing date of the provisional application. See 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(5)(ii).

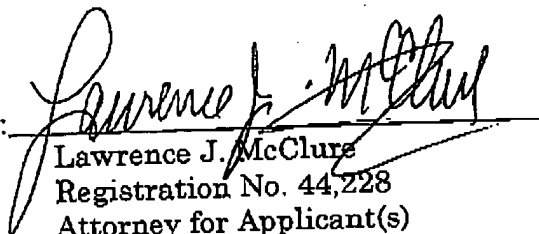
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6810 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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